

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Auburn Arts Commission was held at City Hall on December 18, 2013. Chair Lee Buckingham opened the meeting at 4:30 pm. Present were Lee Buckingham, April Maynard, Kaz Huetten, Terri Goodman, Tim Grayson, Joyce Silva and guest Jeff Ambrosia.

A motion was made by Kaz and seconded by April to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 3, 2013.

Public Comment: Joyce announced that Country Christmas will be in Lower Town on Saturday Night, December 21 and the Museum Docents will be hosting Christmas Card Crafts at the Courthouse at the same time.

Lee changed the order of the agenda to discuss input from Jeff, a member of *Project Auburn*, on the design of the Pocket Park across from Central Square. Jeff first explained *Project Auburn* and then discussed and described the design he distributed. He has had meetings with Bob Richardson and Bernie Schroeder and they are in accord with a water feature. Funding has yet to be determined but they are thinking of asking various service organizations for donations. They would like to commence construction in June of 2014. The final decision will be made by City Council with the Recommendation of the Arts Commission. Jeff Left at 5:25 and we returned to the agenda.

Lee reported for Mike (who left very early) that the wall in the State Theatre is scheduled to be torn down on April 1, 2014.

Murals: Tim reported that there is nothing new on the Mural Projects. Joyce commented on how plain and ugly Hwy 49 is when leaving the freeway and what could we do to beautify it.

Empty Buildings: April suggested that we put the discussion of Empty Buildings and pop-up stores on the agenda for the next meeting. Lee will speak with a realtor regarding this issue and report back to the commission.

Arts in the Park: There was some discussion on Arts in the Park and it was decided to brainstorm this subject at the next special meeting.

Lee had to leave at 6:00 pm and April took over the meeting. We elected the following officers for 2014: Chair - Lee Buckingham, Vice Chair - April Maynard, Secretary - Joyce Silva and Treasurer - Tim Grayson. All current officers were elected by unanimous vote.

There was considerable discussion on having a Town Hall Meeting for Artists to find out what we can do to make Auburn a destination city for Art. There was further discussion on how to connect Old Town and Down Town. A special meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2014, at the home of Tim Grayson at 6:00 pm. At this meeting we will brainstorm the Wall in the Pocket Park on Lewis St, Arts in the Park and how to connect Down Town artistically with Old Town.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kaz and seconded by Teri at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Joyce Silva, Secretary